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A NEW YEAR AND A NEW OPPORTUNITY

New Year's Day, 1916, finds Hawaii humming with energy and purpose, brimming with optimism, happy in a remarkably prosperous year behind and in the prospect of one just ahead.

The clouds in the sky are small, the expanse of blue charged with this gloriously brilliant sunshine is large. In common with the nation and in fact a little in advance of most of the states, Hawaii has felt the tremendous surge of material prosperity and has benefitted, from the capital city to the most remote plantation village. Not a businesshouse nor a home in the islands—provided there was foresight and acumen in the businesshouse, and industry and thrift in the home—has failed to feel the buoyant influence of a material welfare coming on top of two years of uneasiness and depression.

The industrial prosperity that is Hawaii's on this threshold of a New Year brings its special obligations and opportunities. Communities hard-pressed in the commercial struggle have at least partial excuse for scant attention to public improvements which are not strictly utilitarian. But communities whose banks are filled with cash, whose main industries are heaping up surpluses for stock-holders, whose homes are considered incomplete without high-grade autos, have no excuse for inadequate educational or charitable institutions; for a city marred by dirty, ill-kept, unpaved streets; for a spirit which ignores ethical culture and the development of things beautiful and inspiring. This is not to say that such matters are wholly ignored in Honolulu, but there is always room for improvement, and American cities are recognized as lamentably often lacking in such respects. Few have such naturally magnificent opportunities as this Pacific port, and with material prosperity abundantly assured, human need be so engrossed in business as to thrust heedlessly by the manifold opportunities for helping his city become more cleanly and beautiful as well as more wealthy.

It is a travesty on all this display of riches to find extreme poverty not infrequent in Honolulu. The need is suggested of a wise provision for the poor which will transform them into members of society able to make their way in the world. And the territory's first duty is to its needy at home; after that to those in foreign lands.

Yet in foreign lands the call of the hungry and the homeless is louder than ever before. The same war which has brought millions of dollars tumbling into Hawaii's lap has taken the food, the clothing, the roof-tree from millions of people. By all means the forwarding of relief funds from the territory should be continued. Hawaii has a fine record in this respect—a record not only to remember but to repeat. In a year and a half the people of the islands have forwarded \$85,000 to the war-sufferers through the special relief committee. Taking the population of the territory at the estimate for 1915, 231,210, Hawaii has given 36 cents per capita, and if the Oriental population be counted out, 82 cents per capita through this fund alone. Perhaps as much more was forwarded through private sources. The United States as a whole has given only seven cents per capita to Belgian relief, whereas Hawaii has given 20 cents per capita. This seems like a stellar record until one finds that other countries have gone much higher. New Zealand, for instance, not only is bearing a tremendous burden of actual participation in the war, but has given \$1.25 per capita for Belgian relief.

But Hawaii's giving is not ended. The winter brings more terrible want to Poland, Armenia, Serbia, Montenegro and others of the

devastated nations than any suffering they have yet known. The obligation upon Hawaii to give out of its abundance is not less strong than a year ago, though it is true that repetition of the stories of need has somewhat caloused the pitying heart.

The year 1916 should be one of special effort to set the house in order within. The prosperity of the home, so far as external matters weigh as factors, is assured. But to make Honolulu and Hawaii cleaner, physically and morally; pleasanter, sweeter, dearer; every man and every woman has a common duty, that of consideration in securing good government, orderliness at home and abroad, the development of courteous manners and sound morals, mutual consideration, and always a little extra effort for public improvement.

DEVIOUS DIPLOMACY.

Austria's apparent compliance with the main demands of the American notes concerning the Aegean would have a sincere ring if in the intervals between the first note from Washington and the second reply from Vienna Austria had not continued her undersea warfare upon non-combatants.

The impression is ineffaceable that the Dual Monarchy has played upon the well-known tolerance of the American administration. The first note was little less than a laugh in the face of Secretary Lansing. The whole attitude of Austria raises the question whether the Dual Monarchy will not continue to temporize, to give the shadow but not the substance of satisfaction, and meanwhile in some new direction violate the spirit of the principle with which in this one case Franz Josef's government has been forced reluctantly to agree.

UNDESIRABLE.

The Advertiser regards the campaign which has been carried on against the Leilehua Beer Garden as an unfair campaign. It is true that the manager of the place claimed some weeks ago a certain minor publication in Honolulu was criticising the resort for purposes of blackmail, but this alleged activity was much the least part of the movement to close the misnamed "Volcano House."

The real campaign against the beer garden was carried on by booze itself. There was enough basis in the stories of rowdiness engendered at the beer garden and of violence conceived under the influence of its wares, to make it certain that from time to time Schofield Barracks would be given some exceedingly undesirable publicity. When the regimental commanders decided the beer garden should be closed, there was no longer further room for doubt that it was a liability instead of an asset to the big army post.

William Waldorf Astor, the expatriated-hyphenated American, has been treated to a baronetcy by King George. His millions made in America have not been spent in vain.

Jeff McCann's tirade upon reaching San Francisco is exactly what was expected of him. The only answer needed to his embittered swan-song is "Dismissed for cause."

There is \$1700 in the city game-bird fund. Enough to buy Supervisor Hollinger a dozen kangaroos and a pair of gondolas.

A few broken lines of resolutions will be offered at bargain rates next week.

Sugar prospects make it a sweet '16.

Look before you Leap Year.

ROSS NOLAN AND WOOLAWAY WIN TREASURE HUNT OF Y. M. C. A.

THE WINNERS.

Student division, James Woolaway of McKinley high school. Prize—One year's membership in the Y. M. C. A. Junior division, Ross Nolan of Oahu College. Prize—One year's membership in the Y. M. C. A.

It took James Woolaway of the student division and Ross Nolan of the junior division just 17 minutes to cover the course and locate the prizes today in the second annual treasure hunt held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

The affair created intense interest among the boys of the association, and 37 of them lined up in Hotel street at 10 o'clock to await the start of the race. The race was fast and furious throughout and some clever detective work was needed on the part

of the boys to ferret out their instructions, which were hidden in various places within a radius of three blocks of the Y. M. C. A.

Seven boys entered from the junior division and 10 from the student division. In the former Nolan succeeded in finding the treasure first, while Woolaway was just as successful in the latter division's race. At the beginning of the race, each boy received a sealed envelope containing his instructions. These instructions carried him to the next set, hidden in some obscure place. In all, there were six sets of instructions for each boy which, when carried out, led to the rear of a signboard near the association building. The first member of each division to reach this place first won the prize.

EASY TO CRITICIZE.

It is easy to sit in the sunshine, And talk to the man in the shade: It is easy to float in a well-trimmed boat And point out the places to wade, But once we pass into the shadows, We murmur and fret and frown, And our length from the bank, we shout for a plank, Or throw up our hands and go down. It is easy to sit in our carriage, And counsel the man on foot: But get down and walk, and you'll change your talk, As you feel the peg in your boot. It is easy to tell the toiler How best he can carry his pack; But no one can rate a burden's weight. Until it has been on his back. The up-curved mouth of pleasure Can preach of sorrow's worth; But give it a sip, and a wryer lip Was never made on earth. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

For some time past there has been no regular engineer officer at Pearl Harbor, Lieut. B. F. Tilley, captain of the yard, having been acting in that capacity.

CRACK SHOTS OF 91ST COMPANY GIVEN PRIZES

As an appreciation of their work on the range when they made the highest scores at rifle practice of any men in the company, eight men of the 91st Company, Coast Artillery Corps, will be presented this afternoon with prizes. The presentation will be made by Capt. M. P. Andrus, commander of the 91st, at a smoker which will be attended by the men of the company and the men of other commands at Kamehameha.

Five of the men who are to receive prizes this afternoon are: Musician Brooks, Pvt. Kelly, Sgt. Wellington, Cpl. McKee, Pvt. Watson. The names of the other men were not secured today. The first four men will be given handsome gold watches and the fifth a silver wrist watch. Other prizes are a meerschaum pipe, a briar pipe and a gold fountain pen.

The 91st company took the highest standing of any company on Oahu in rifle shooting, making an average score for the company of 73½. Of the 93 men, 51 shot well enough to entitle them to the rank of marksmen, and of these 31 made the first class marksmen grade.

What averages were made by the companies of Coast Artillery on the mainland and in the Canal Zone and the Philippines is not yet known here, but from unofficial reports received it is thought more than probable, in fact almost certain, that the 91st Company will take the highest standing of any of the 170 companies of Coast Artillery in the service.

KIHEI ROAD JOB IS AWARDED BY LOAN FUND MEN

Hugh Howell and Paul F. Lada have been awarded the contract by the Maui Loan Fund Commission for the construction of the Kihei homestead road on Maui, the contract price being \$3,964. Other firms bid as follows: J. C. Ross, Jr., \$4,848; J. A. Aheong, \$4,567; William Cullen, \$4,600. Cullen was the contractor to whom the bid was awarded the first time, but who forfeited his deposit after having taken a look at the job. Later the bids were modified so that the work could come within the appropriation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OUT FOR NEW YEAR PARADE WITH NEW EQUIPMENT

Honolulu's five engine companies with their engines and hose carts and the three new Seagraves engines, which recently arrived from Columbus, Ohio, left their stations today for an hour and paraded through the downtown streets. Chief Thurston arranged the parade in order to give citizens a chance to see the new engines and look over the department. The engines started from the central fire house and after going along half a dozen streets in an indirect course, stopped in the Capitol grounds, where a photograph of the engines and men and several of the supervisors was taken.

IRWIN PROPERTY MAY BE BIG BEACH HOTEL

News which was first given publicly in the Star-Bulletin several weeks ago to the effect that the Territorial Hotel Company would take over and assume the management of the Seaside hotel, has further developed to the extent that on next Wednesday Manager J. H. Hertsche of the Seaside will turn over his business to the company. It is rumored that a hui of mainland capitalists are considering taking over the beautiful Irwin estate opposite Kapiolani Park and converting it into a first-class tourist hotel. Reports that Mr. Hertsche is to be the manager of such a hotel are neither confirmed nor denied.

EX-DETECTIVE HEAD OF "CHIEF" GUILTY OF TAKING BRIBES

CHICAGO, Ill.—Former Chief of Detectives John J. Halpin was found guilty of selling police protection to crooks by a jury in Judge Baldwin's court room. The verdict, which was delivered after the jury had deliberated more than five hours, found the former detective chief "guilty" as charged in the indictment.

Halpin, according to the indictment,

A THOUGHT FOR NEW YEARS

The years roll on in ceaseless sway, From month to month, from day to day. Each minute earth is born anew With hopes and aspirations true And skies are always bright and blue From June around to May.

No matter how the clouds may lour, Through every day and every hour, The skies above are blue and bright; Sun shines by day, the stars by night And all things on this earth are right Where God alone holds power.

Last night, the old year's course was run.

Today a new year has begun.

The sun shines on each dew-decked limb

And fills our joy cup to the brim.

So let me say with Tiny Tim,

"God bless us, every one."

—PHILIP C. HALL.

Honolulu, January 1, 1916.

Personal Mention

A. M. BROWN, city attorney, has returned to Honolulu after spending the Christmas holidays at his ranch on Maui.

LOUIS MEDEIROS, who runs the new elevator at the capitol, has been arrayed in a new uniform by the department of public works. The uniform consists of a blue coat with brass buttons, and of white trousers.

MISS MAURINE and MISS HALLIE SAMSON, two charming school teachers of Koloa, Kauai, returned to their duties Thursday evening on the steamer Hall, after spending a delightful holiday vacation in the city. The Misses Samson were entertained extensively while in Honolulu. They were guests at the Roselawn.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL SAMUEL I. JOHNSON and his aide de camp, Lieut. George K. Larrison, and Lieut. Fred Wichman will return Tuesday from Hawaii. Tonight the National Guard companies on Hawaii will be hosts at an entertainment which will rival the Guard smoker given here some time ago. Gen. Johnson went over mainly to be present at the entertainment and meet the men.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—CIRCUIT JUDGE WHITNEY: The juvenile court was unusually busy last year, hundreds of children's cases having been disposed of. I am looking forward to a decrease in cases in 1916.

—CIRCUIT JUDGE STUART: I see that the 1916 divorce court work has been assigned to me. Well, I can at least see that the divorced women are well cared for when it comes to alimony matters.

—ALBERT P. TAYLOR: Phrases of Hawaii are still coming into the Promotion Committee. The latest, taken from a travel book of fiction, says: "Hawaii—a strange tropical flower blooming in a tropical sea."

—CAPT. N. E. NEILSEN of Diamond Head lookout station: I certainly am mighty grateful to all the merchants who so kindly remembered me at Christmas time. I wish I could thank each one individually.

—T. HATTORI, editor Hawaii Shinpo: We are celebrating the new year by publishing a New Years edition, which tells of the prosperity of Hawaii and the good things that are to be found in the Paradise of the Pacific.

BRIDGE PLANK LETS HIND WHEEL THROUGH

Rotten timbers in a temporary city bridge in Palolo valley gave way yesterday beneath a large oil tank truck of the Standard Oil Company, letting the hind wheel of the vehicle drop down until it rested on a beam beneath the flooring. There were 490 gallons of oil in the tank. No one was hurt and no oil was lost in the accident.

A new concrete bridge has been built recently near the other bridge, but because the law requires that a concrete structure cannot be accepted from the contractor until 30 days after completion, the use of this bridge will not be possible for about a week.

Five submarines under construction for Russia by the Electric Boat Co. plant at Vancouver, B. C., are completed and will be ready for delivery during the first week in January. The five boats cost \$3,250,000.

was accused of having accepted a bribe of \$500 as part of "protection money" from a clairvoyant clique.

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CARRIERS MAKING FINEST RECORDS WILL GET PRIZES

To insure more efficient delivery of papers and fewer "kicks" from subscribers because of non-delivery, the Star-Bulletin is now holding a carriers' contest, which will end April 1, when the carriers having made the best records will be awarded cash prizes.

First prize is \$15 in gold, second \$10, and third \$5. This is in addition to regular weekly wages and bonuses. In addition to this, the carriers are encouraged to activity in subscription getting by prizes of \$1 for every four new subscriptions turned in.

The contest is being conducted on the point basis, and emphasis is placed on quiet and regular delivery of papers every day. For each week without a complaint from a subscriber on any boy's route, 100 points is awarded, and for every new subscription, 500 points.

VALVE GIVES WAY ON K-4 WHEN SUBMERGED

Cracking of a muffler valve on the K-4, one of the submarines of the third division, Thursday morning at Pearl Harbor, endangered the undersea raider for a few minutes.

The accident happened when the K-4 was diving, submerged to 30 feet, in water 80 or 90 feet deep. Blowing out all her ballast tanks brought the submarine to the surface.

The valve which cracked closes the exhaust pipes of the Diesel engines when the submarine is submerged.

VAUGHAN GETS CABLE; NOT TO BE MADE PUBLIC

A cablegram believed to have bearing on the present rather unsettled condition of the local U. S. district attorney's office was received by Acting District Attorney Horace W. Vaughan yesterday from Attorney General Gregory.

Mr. Vaughan today declined to make public the text of the cablegram. "I do not feel authorized to disclose it," he said. "There are a good many public matters which are sometimes private, you know."

The cablegram received by Mr. Vaughan may be in answer to the one which he sent to the attorney-general a few days ago asking the department of justice's permission to appoint C. C. Bittling as temporary assistant district attorney. Mr. Bittling now is assisting Mr. Vaughan without pay.

"I am going to get along as best I can without a regularly appointed assistant," the district attorney says. "Mr. Bittling is giving me all the assistance he can, and I have reason to believe that matters will be definitely settled within a very short time."

She is driven by electric motors when under water.

No water entered the hull, but the pressure of the sea at that depth made salt water enter the water-jacket of the engines. The jacket might have given way had the submarine been long submerged in this condition.

The Turkish budget shows 14,000,000 pounds, a deficit of 3,000,000 pounds more than last year's budget.

The Super Bungalow In Manoa Valley---FOR SALE

An unusually artistic 6-room home, formerly the residence of Mr. Paul Super, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

The house is thoroughly modern, built in rustic style, with rough stonework porches; two wide lanais, one of them insect proof; wide lawns, lots of shade trees, and hedge-bordered walk. Servants' quarters and fern house separate. Lot 100 by 150 feet. Close to car. Price \$5750. A Bargain.

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UNFURNISHED

Lanibuli Drive (Manoa)	2 "	25.00
(Part furnished.)		
14 Mendonca Tract (Liliha St.)	3 "	20.00
770 Kinau St.	4 "	32.50
1004 W. 5th Ave., Kaimuki	4 "	16.00
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1562 Nuuanu Ave.	5 "	50.00
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1317 Makiki Street	2 "	35.00
1235 Wilhelmina Rse.	2 "	20.00
7th Avenue	2 "	22.50
14th and Palolo Aves., Kaimuki	3 "	30.00
1712 King St.	2 "	35.00
2051 Lanibuli Drive (Manoa)	2 "	27.50
Hackfield and Prospect	3 "	18.00
1321 Palolo Road	2 "	30.00
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